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SUBJECT: JOINT TRADE COMMISSION--THIRD SESSION

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1. SUGGESTED AGENDA ITEMS LISTED REFTEL WERE DISCUSSED AUGUST 27 WITH STANISLAW STRUS, DIRECTOR OF TRADE POLICY DEPARTMENT III (DEVELOPED WESTERN COUNTRIES), MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE, STRUS STATED MFT PROPOSALS FOR AGENDA WERE IN PREPARATION, AND NOTED THAT MFT IDEAS AND OURS LARGELY COINCIDED. STRUS SAID THAT CERTAIN ITEMS REQUIRED COORDINATION AMONG SEVERAL MINISTRIES AND APOLOGIZED IN ADVANCE FOR THE DELAYS THIS WOULD CAUSE IN SUBMISSION OF THE POLISH PROPOSALS FOR OUR CONSIDERATION.

2. STRUS ASKED WHETHER THE U.S. COUNTER-DRAFT OF AN AGREEMENT ON INDUSTRIAL, SCIENTIFIC, AND TECHNICAL COOPERATION WOULD BE PRESENTED TO GOP IN ADVANCE OF THE COMMISSION MEETING. HE ADDED THAT ADVANCE PRESENTATION WOULD BE MOST HELPFUL TO POLISH SIDE.

3. STRUS ALSO ASKED WHAT POINTS MIGHT BE RAISED IN A DISCUSSION OF THE DOLLAR-ZLOTY EXCHANGE RATE IN CONNECTION WITH BUSINESS FACILITATION. EMBASSY OFFICER REPLIED THAT USG WAS POLLING U.S. FIRMS ACCREDITED FOR OFFICES IN POLAND TO LEARN WHAT PROBLEMS REMAIN IN CONNECTION WITH

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IMPLEMENTATION OF THE MARCH AGREEMENTS AND WHAT PROBLEMS

EXIST WHICH WERE NOT TREATED IN THOSE AGREEMENTS. THE RESULTS OF THIS STUDY, EMBASSY OFFICER SAID, WOULD LARGELY DETERMINE WHAT SPECIFIC ISSUES MIGHT BE RAISED IN A DISCUSSION OF BUSINESS FACILITIES.

4. EMBASSY OFFICER ASKED STRUS IF FURTHER INFORMATION ON RENTAL TERMS FOR SPACE IN THE WARSAW TRADE CENTER NOW UNDER CONSTRUCTION (WARSAW 3765) WOULD BE AVAILABLE BY THE TIME OF THE COMMISSION MEETING; STRUS THOUGHT IT WOULD BE.

5. EMBASSY OFFICER PROVIDED STRUS WITH THE LIST OF U.S. MEMBERS OF THE JOINT TRADE COMMISSION PROPOSED IN REFTEL B.

6. EMBASSY COMMENTS ON PROPOSED AGENDA WILL BE FORTHCOMING IN LATER MESSAGE.
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